

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

WASHINGTON, D. C. January 28, 1890

The Superintendent, U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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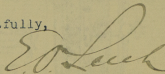
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I will wait until I hear from you on this subject before I submit the question as to the final disposition of the room and the vaults in the Post Office to the Department.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. O. Leach". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, looping initial "E".

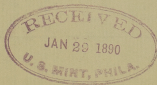
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